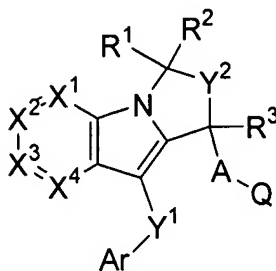


**In the Claims**

1. (Original) A compound having the formula I



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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and hydrates thereof, wherein:

A is selected from C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one to four halogen atoms, O(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>, and S(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>;

Ar is aryl or heteroaryl each optionally substituted with one to four groups independently selected from Rg;

Q is selected from:

- (1) COOH,
- (2) CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>,
- (3) C(O)NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (4) SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>a</sup>,
- (5) SO<sub>3</sub>H,
- (6) PO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, and
- (7) tetrazolyl;

one of X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>3</sup> or X<sup>4</sup> is nitrogen and the others are independently selected from CH and C-Rg;

Y<sup>1</sup> is selected from -(CR<sup>d</sup>Re)<sub>a</sub>-X-(CR<sup>d</sup>Re)<sub>b</sub>-, phenylene, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylidene and C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkylene, wherein a and b are integers 0-1 such that the sum of a and b equals 0, 1 or 2, and X is a bond, O, S, NR<sup>a</sup>, C(O), CH(OR<sup>a</sup>), OC(O), C(O)O, C(O)NR<sup>a</sup>, OC(O)NR<sup>a</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>C(O), CR<sup>d</sup>=CR<sup>e</sup> or C≡C;

Y<sup>2</sup> is selected from (CR<sup>d</sup>Re)<sub>m</sub> and CR<sup>d</sup>=CR<sup>e</sup>;

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from H, CN, OR<sup>a</sup>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one to six groups independently selected from halogen, OR<sup>a</sup> and S(O)<sub>n</sub>C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from H and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one to six halogen; or

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together represent an oxo; or

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> taken together form a 3- or 4- membered ring containing 0 or 1 heteroatom selected from NR<sup>f</sup>, S, and O optionally substituted with one or two groups selected from F, CF<sub>3</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>;

R<sup>3</sup> is selected from H and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one to six groups independently selected from OR<sup>a</sup> and halogen;

R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are independently selected from H, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, Cy and Cy C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl and Cy are optionally substituted with one to six substituents independently selected from halogen, amino, carboxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, aryl C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, CF<sub>3</sub>, OC(O)C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, OC(O)NR<sup>i</sup>R<sup>j</sup>, and aryloxy; or

R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> together with the atom(s) to which they are attached form a heterocyclic ring of 4 to 7 members containing 0-2 additional heteroatoms independently selected from oxygen, sulfur and N-R<sup>f</sup>;

R<sup>c</sup> is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one to six halogen, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said aryl and heteroaryl are optionally substituted with one to three groups selected from halogen, OC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, O-haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl and haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>d</sup> and R<sup>e</sup> are independently H, halogen, aryl, heteroaryl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>f</sup> is selected from H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, Cy, C(O)C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C(O)haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, and C(O)-Cy;

R<sub>g</sub> is selected from

- (1) halogen,
- (2) CN,
- (3) C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with one to eight groups independently selected from aryl, heteroaryl, halogen, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, C(O)R<sup>a</sup>, C(OR<sup>a</sup>)R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup> and OR<sup>a</sup>, wherein aryl, heteroaryl and alkyl are each optionally substituted with one to six groups independently selected from halogen, CF<sub>3</sub>, and COOH,
- (4) C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl optionally substituted with one to six groups independently selected from halogen and OR<sup>a</sup>,
- (5) Cy
- (6) C(O)R<sup>a</sup>,
- (7) C(O)OR<sup>a</sup>,
- (8) CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>,
- (9) OCONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>,
- (10) OC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, wherein alkyl is optionally substituted with one to six substituents selected from halogen, aryl, heteroaryl, OH and OC(O)R<sup>a</sup>,
- (11) O-Cy,

- (12)  $S(O)_n C_{1-6} \text{alkyl}$ , wherein alkyl is optionally substituted with one to six substituents selected from halogen, aryl, heteroaryl, OH, and  $OC(O)R^a$ ,
- (13)  $S(O)_n \text{-Cy}$ ,
- (14)  $-NR^a S(O)_n R^b$ ,
- (15)  $-NR^a R^b$ ,
- (16)  $-NR^a C(O)R^b$ ,
- (17)  $-NR^a C(O)OR^b$ ,
- (18)  $-NR^a C(O)NR^a R^b$ ,
- (19)  $S(O)_n NR^a R^b$ ,
- (20)  $NO_2$ ,
- (21)  $C_{5-8} \text{cycloalkenyl}$ ,

wherein Cy is optionally substituted with one to eight groups independently selected from halogen,  $C(O)R^a$ ,  $OR^a$ ,  $C_{1-3} \text{alkyl}$ , aryl, heteroaryl and  $CF_3$ ;

$R^i$  and  $R^j$  are independently selected from hydrogen,  $C_{1-10} \text{alkyl}$ , Cy and  $Cy\text{-}C_{1-10} \text{alkyl}$ ; or  $R^i$  and  $R^j$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a ring of 5 to 7 members containing 0-2 additional heteroatoms independently selected from oxygen, sulfur and N- $R^f$ ;

Cy is selected from heterocyclyl, aryl, and heteroaryl;

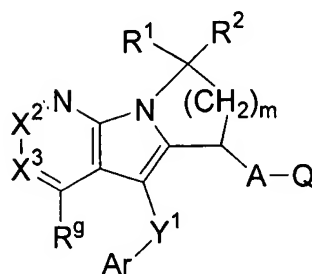
m is 1, 2 or 3; and

n is 0, 1 or 2.

- 2. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 wherein A-Q is  $CH_2CO_2H$ .
- 3. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 wherein Ar is naphthyl or optionally substituted phenyl wherein said substituents are 1 or 2 groups independently selected from  $R^g$ .
- 4. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 wherein  $Y^1$  is selected from C(O) and S.
- 5. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 wherein one of  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$  and  $X^3$  is nitrogen and the others are independently CH or  $CR^g$ , and  $X^4$  is  $CR^g$ .
- 6. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 wherein one of  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$  and  $X^3$  is nitrogen and the others are CH, and  $X^4$  is  $C\text{-}S(O)_n\text{-}C_{1-6} \text{alkyl}$  or  $C\text{-}C_{1-6} \text{alkyl}$  optionally substituted with  $OR^a$ .
- 7. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are each hydrogen.

8. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 wherein Y<sup>2</sup> is selected from CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>.

9. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 represented by the formula Ia:



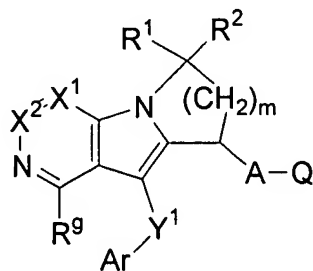
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wherein X<sup>2</sup> and X<sup>3</sup> are independently CH or C-R<sub>g</sub>, A, Ar, Q, Y<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, m and R<sub>g</sub> are as defined in Claim 1.

10. (Original) A compound of Claim 9 wherein X<sup>2</sup> and X<sup>3</sup> are each CH, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each H, and A-Q is CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H.

11. (Original) A compound of Claim 9 wherein Y<sup>1</sup>-Ar is S-phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups independently selected from halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl and trifluoromethyl.

12. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 represented by the formula Ib:



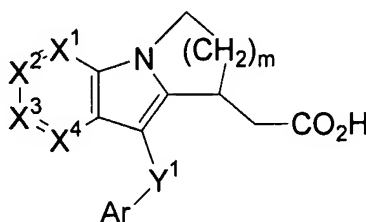
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wherein X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are independently CH or C-R<sub>g</sub>, A, Ar, Q, Y<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, m and R<sub>g</sub> are as defined in Claim 1.

13. (Original) A compound of Claim 12 wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are each CH,  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are each H, and A-Q is  $CH_2CO_2H$ .

14. (Original) A compound of Claim 13 wherein  $Y^1$ -Ar is S-phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups independently selected from halogen,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl and trifluoromethyl.

15. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 represented by the formula Ic:



Ic

wherein one of  $X^1$ ,  $X^2$  and  $X^3$  is N and the others are each CH,  $X^4$  is  $CR^g$ , m is 1 or 2, and Ar,  $Y^1$  and m are as defined in Claim 1.

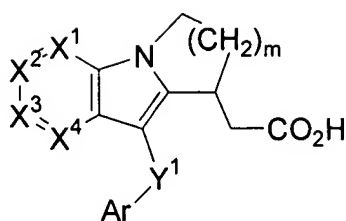
16. (Original) A compound of Claim 15 wherein Ar is phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups independently selected from halogen,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl and trifluoromethyl.

17. (Original) A compound of Claim 15 wherein  $Y^1$  is S or C(O).

18. (Original) A compound of Claim 15 wherein  $X^4$  is selected from  $C-S(O)_n-C_{1-6}$ alkyl and  $C-C_{1-6}$ alkyl optionally substituted with  $OR^a$ .

19. (Original) A compound of Claim 15 wherein  $Y^1$ -Ar is S-phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups independently selected from halogen,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl and trifluoromethyl;  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are each CH,  $X^3$  is N, m is 1 or 2, and  $X^4$  is  $C-SO_2C_{1-6}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl.

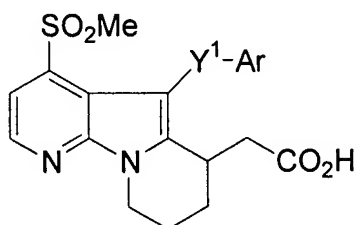
20. (Original) A compound of Claim 1 selected from:



X1	X2	X3	X4	Ar	Y1	m
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SCH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	C(O)	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Br-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	1
CH	CH	N	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-CF <sub>3</sub> -Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	2-Cl-4-F-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	2-naphthyl	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	2,3-diCl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-CH <sub>3</sub> -Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	2,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
CH	N	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
N	C(CH <sub>3</sub> )	CH	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	C(CH <sub>3</sub> )	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
CH	C(CH <sub>3</sub> )	N	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
C(CH <sub>3</sub> )	CH	N	C(SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-F-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Br-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2-Cl-4-F-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-F-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Br-Ph	S	2

X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>	Ar	Y <sup>1</sup>	m
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2-Cl-4-F-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-F-Ph	S	1
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	1
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2,4-diCl-Ph	S	1
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Br-Ph	S	1
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2-Cl-4-F-Ph	S	1
CH	CH	N	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-F-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2,4-diCl-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Br-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2-Cl-4-F-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-F-Ph	S	2
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	4-Br-Ph	S	2
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	2-Cl-4-F-Ph	S	2
CH	N	CH	C(CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ))	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ))	4-Cl-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ))	4-Cl-Ph	S	1
CH	N	CH	C(CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ))	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ))	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
CH	CH	N	C(CH(OCH <sub>3</sub> )(CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ))	4-Cl-Ph	S	1
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	4-Cl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	3,4-diCl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	4-Br-Ph	S	2

X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>4</sup>	Ar	Y <sup>1</sup>	m
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	4-CF <sub>3</sub> -Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	2-Cl-4-F-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	2-naphthyl	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	2,3-diCl-Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	4-CH <sub>3</sub> -Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	Ph	S	2
N	CH	CH	C(C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> )	2,4-diCl-Ph	S	2



Ar	Y <sup>1</sup>
5-tetrazolyl	S
2-pyrrolyl	S
1,2,4-triazol-3-yl	S
1,2,3-triazol-4-yl	S
5-imidazolyl	S
4-pyrazolyl	S
5-pyrazolyl	S
(1H,4H)-5-oxo-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl	S
4-isothiazolyl	S
1,2,5-thiadiazol-5-yl	S
1,2,5-oxadiazol-5-yl	S
3-furanyl	S
1,2,3-thiadiazol-4-yl	S
1,2,3-oxadiazol-4-yl	S
4-isoxazolyl	S
3-thienyl	S
4-oxazolyl	S
4-thiazolyl	S
(5H)-2-oxo-5-furanyl	S
(5H)-2-oxo-4-furanyl	S



Ar	Y <sup>1</sup>
1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl	S
3-pyridyl	S
2-pyrazinyl	S
5-pyrimidinyl	S
2-indolyl	S
2-benzothienyl	S
2-benzofuranyl	S
4-oxo-benzopyran-2-yl	S
2-quinoliny	S
2-benzimidazolyl	S
2-benzoxazolyl	S
2-benzothiazolyl	S
1-benzotriazolyl	CH <sub>2</sub> S
thieno[2,3-b]pyridin-2-yl	S

21. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

22. (Original) The composition of Claim 21 further comprising a second active ingredient selected from an antihistamine, a leukotriene antagonist and a leukotriene biosynthesis inhibitor.

23. (Original) A method for the treatment of prostaglandin D<sub>2</sub> mediated diseases which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

24. (Original) A method for the treatment of nasal congestion which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

25. (Original) A method for the treatment of allergic asthma which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

26. (Original) A method for the treatment of allergic rhinitis which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

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